



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 4689  
Kenichi NAKABAYASHI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1640A  
Serial No. 10/715,514 : Group Art Unit 3654  
Filed November 19, 2003 : Examiner T. H. MATTHEWS  
ARTICLES SEPARATING AND SUPPLYING : Mail Stop APPEAL BRIEF - PATENTS  
APPARATUS AND METHOD

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a three month extension of time to respond to the communication of March 24, 2006.

The fee of \$510.00 is

(X) submitted herewith.  
( ) to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

(X) Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which  
( ) is enclosed.  
(X) has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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